

# HOUSE BILL No. 1309

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** None (noncode).

**Synopsis:** Science advisory panel. Establishes the science advisory panel to answer scientific questions raised by any state board, commission, agency, or department.

**Effective:** Upon passage.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning state offices and administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE] (a) **As used in this**  
2       **SECTION, "panel" refers to the science advisory panel established**  
3       **by subsection (b).**

4       **(b) The science advisory panel is established.**

5       **(c) The panel consists of one (1) director and the following**  
6       **members:**

7               **(1) One (1) person with a doctorate in physical science.**

8               **(2) One (1) person with a doctorate in biological science.**

9               **(3) One (1) person with:**

10               **(A) a doctorate in epidemiology;**

11               **(B) a doctorate in toxicology; or**

12               **(C) a doctor of medicine degree and a working knowledge**  
13               **of toxicology.**

14               **(4) One (1) person with a doctorate in mathematics.**

15               **(5) One (1) person with a doctorate in engineering.**

16       **The director must have a doctorate in one (1) of the fields listed in**  
17       **subdivisions (1) through (5).**

18       **(d) The director and the members must be Indiana residents.**



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(e) The lieutenant governor shall:

(1) appoint the director; and

(2) upon consultation with the director, appoint the members of the panel.

(f) The director and the members serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor.

(g) The term of office of the director and the members is two (2) years.

(h) If a vacancy occurs on the panel, the lieutenant governor shall appoint a member to:

(1) fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term; and

(2) serve at the pleasure of the lieutenant governor.

(i) The lieutenant governor shall provide administrative support to the panel.

(j) The members are:

(1) not entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by IC 4-10-11-2.1(b); and

(2) entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses as provided under IC 4-13-1-4 and other expenses actually incurred in connection with the duties of the director or member as provided in the state policies and procedures established by the Indiana department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

(k) The director:

(1) is a part-time employee of the lieutenant governor;

(2) shall act as the executive and operating officer of the panel; and

(3) shall perform all other duties and functions assigned by the panel or by law.

(l) The meetings of the panel shall be open to the public under IC 5-14-1.5. The director shall:

(1) preside at meetings;

(2) call meetings as the director considers necessary; and

(3) cause notice of meetings to be given in accordance with IC 5-14-1.5.

(m) The director shall:

(1) afford any person attending a public meeting of the panel an opportunity to comment through oral or written presentation;

(2) retain all written comments submitted to the panel; and

(3) maintain a record of the meetings of the panel.

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(n) The panel shall do the following:

(1) Except as provided in subsection (o), answer in writing all questions pertaining to science posed to the panel in writing for the purpose of determining public policy by any state:

- (A) board;
- (B) commission;
- (C) agency; or
- (D) department.

(2) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 for the implementation of this SECTION.

(o) The director may determine whether a question pertaining to science as described in subsection (n):

- (1) requires the attention and deliberation of the members; or
- (2) may be answered by the director without consultation with the members.

(p) Before July 1 of each year, the director shall prepare and submit to:

- (1) the governor;
- (2) the lieutenant governor; and
- (3) the director of the legislative services agency;

a report on the panel's activities.

(q) Except as provided in subsection (r), the panel shall make any:

- (1) answer issued to a question pertaining to science;
- (2) study;
- (3) report;
- (4) assessment; or
- (5) analysis;

prepared by the director or the panel under this SECTION available to the public.

(r) Information provided to the panel by an entity that submits to the panel a question pertaining to science is confidential if the entity posing the question requests in writing that the panel keep the information confidential.

(s) This SECTION expires July 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

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